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Year of Kyrgyz Statehood

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998, entitled "United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations",

Also recalling its resolution 49/129 of 19 December 1994, entitled "Commemoration of the millennium of the Kyrgyz national epic, *Manas*",

Further recalling its resolution 56/8 of 21 November 2001, entitled "United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage, 2002",

Stressing the importance of promoting education and raising public awareness in order to foster respect for national cultures, the cultural heritage of the world and civilizational diversity, which is essential for strengthening global peace and implementing international cooperation,

Noting the richness of Kyrgyz culture and its national, regional and international significance,

1. Welcomes the efforts undertaken by the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic to declare 2003 as the Year of Kyrgyz Statehood and to organize activities in celebration of the year;

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2. Invites Member States, the United Nations, its specialized agencies and other international and intergovernmental organizations, as well as regional and non-governmental organizations and foundations, to take part in the events being organized by the Kyrgyz Republic to celebrate the year 2003.